

REMARKS

Claims 1-26, 39-61 and 89-103 have been allowed.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Application is being filed in an abundance of caution to ensure consideration of the references listed on the form PTO-1449 filed herewith.

Further, Applicant herewith submits a duplicate copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 filed on April 30, 2004. We have received an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 from the Examiner; however, the article cited was NOT initialed. Such examination and initialing of the enclosed duplicate Form PTO-1449 and newly submitted Form PTO-1449 is requested at this time, as well as a return of a copy of the initialed Forms PTO-1449 to the undersigned.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Standard Time).

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 4/19/06

By: 

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